

## Superior Courts of California County of Kern

NOTICE OF CHANGES IN FEES, PENALTIES, AND

ASSESSMENTS IN TRAFFIC, CRIMINAL, CIVIL,

FAMILY, AND PROBATE COURTS

Effective January 1, 2009

The Judicial Council of California has announced that new and changed fees, penalties, and assessments will go into effect in the state's trial courts effective January 1, 2009.

The changes result from the enactment of Senate Bill 1407 (Perata), Stats. 2008, ch. 311, on September 26, 2008. The legislation authorizes up to \$5 billion in lease-revenue bonds to finance the construction, rehabilitation, renovation, and replacement of court facilities. The legislation increases civil filing fees and increases or establishes new criminal and traffic fees, penalties, assessments and parking penalties.

Each superior court will begin collecting the new and increased fees effective January 1, 2009.

The new civil fees will be stated on the revised statewide civil fee schedule. The final version of the statewide fee schedule will be posted to the California Courts Web site at <a href="https://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/feeschedule.htm">www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/feeschedule.htm</a>. The Kern County Superior Court local fee schedule will be available at the Court's office and will be posted to the Court's website.

See below for Summary of Changes.

## SUMMARY OF CHANGES PURSUANT TO SB 1407 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009

## **Changes in Civil, Probate, and Family Law Fees**

Code(s)	Description	Current Fee	Fee Effective Jan. 1, 2009
GC 70611, GC 70612, GC 70650, GC 70651, GC 70652, GC 70653, GC 70655, GC 70670	Unlimited civil filing fees (over \$25K) and probate and family law filing fees	\$320	\$350
GC 70613(a), GC 70614(a) GC 70613(a), CCP 1161.2	Limited civil filing fees (over \$10K to \$25K) Unlawful detainer. fees (over \$10k to \$25k)	\$300 \$315	\$325 \$340
GC 70621(a)	Fee for appeal or petition for a writ in limited civil cases (over \$10K to \$25K)	\$300	\$325
GC 70613(b), GC 70614(b) GC 70613(b), CCP 1161.2	Limited civil filing fees (up to \$10K) Unlawful detainer fees (up to \$10k)	\$180 \$195	\$200 \$215
GC 70621(b)	Fee for appeal or petition for a writ in limited civil cases (up to \$10K)	\$180	\$200
GC 70654, GC 70656, H&S 103470, Probate Code 7660	Miscellaneous probate and family law filing fees	\$180	\$200
B&P 6322.1, GC 70603(c)	Limited civil assignee filing fee	\$165	\$176
GC 70658	Non-first filing probate fees	\$180	\$350
GC 70657.5	Non-first filing probate fees	\$40	\$200
GC 70617(e)	Pro hac vice application fee**	\$0	\$250*

<sup>\*</sup>New fee paid to court. This \$250 fee is in addition to the \$50 fee authorized by rule 9.40 of the Rules of Court to be paid to the State Bar.

## **Changes in Criminal Fees, Assessments, and Penalties**

Code(s)	Description	Current Fee, Assess- ment, or Penalty	Fee, Assess- ment, or Penalty Effective January 1, 2009
VC 40611	Proof of correction fee	\$10	\$25
VC 42007.1	Traffic violator school fee	\$24	\$49
GC 70373	Criminal conviction assessment - infraction	n/a	\$35
GC 70373	Criminal conviction assessment - misdemeanors and felonies	n/a	\$30
GC 70372(a)	State court construction penalty	*	*
GC 70372(b)	State court construction parking penalty**	\$1.50	\$4.50

<sup>\*</sup> No change for Kern County.

<sup>\*\*</sup>The pro hac vice application fee is not collected in criminal cases.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Typically processed by a county, city, or special district, not the court.